GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to evolve a strategy for improving the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation byinvolving the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government had invited comments from the State Governments regarding private participation in improving the urban water supply and sanitation;

(d) if so, the response received by the Union Government in this regard, State-wise;

(e) whether guidelines have been formulated for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)to(f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.374 DT.08.4.2003 REGARDING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION.

(a)to(f): The Union Government has been sensitizing the State Governments and Union Territories through workshops, seminars and meetings held from time to time on various policy issues, strategies and international experience involving private sector partnership in improving the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Services. In this regard, the Union Government has formulated draft guidelines for Public Private Partnership in Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Services which inter-alia covers the following aspects:-

- Need for reforms.
- Role of Government.
- Policy framework for water supply and sanitation sector reform.
- Key elements of legal and regulatory framework.
- Implementation responsibilities.
- Forms of private-sector participation.

These guidelines have been circulated to all State Governments and Union Territories for their comments/views. The State Governments have been reminded to expedite their response in the matter. Response has been received only from Governments of West Bengal & Sikkim so far.